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Beaverton Arts Commission Ramps Up Public Art Program

Beaverton; January 26, 2009 — The Beaverton Arts Commission will host a public meeting to gather community input about how public art can positively impact the Beaverton environment on Monday, February 2, 2009, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kingstad Center, 15450 SW Millikan Way, in Beaverton. All members of the community are invited to attend this informative and lively public art discussion.

This community forum is part of a Beaverton Arts Commission planning process led by consultants Valerie Otani and Bill Flood. The planning process will result in the development of a more vibrant, accessible and visible public art program for Beaverton. The forum will ask participants to discuss the following questions: What kind of art would you like to see in Beaverton and where would you like to see it? How can a public art program stay open to new forms of artwork that specifically connect with neighborhoods and development? How can local artists be involved in public art projects?

“The Commission is eager to solicit the community's input in our public art planning process.” says Andrew Loomis, artist, Beaverton Arts Commission Board Member and member of the public art task force. “It is our desire to integrate the arts into the life of our community, so that people have the opportunity to experience the arts every day in common places, as well as unexpected places. We're looking forward to

hearing the community's views as we prepare and implement a well-rounded public art program for Beaverton.”

The Public Art forum will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Kingstad Center, 15450 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton. There is no registration fee, however pre-registration is encouraged. Participants may register by calling 503-526-2288 or email jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us.

The Beaverton Arts Commission contributes significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting artistic and cultural events, which celebrate community values and help connect residents to their artistic and cultural heritage. For more information, contact the Beaverton Arts Commission at www.beavertonarts.org or call (503) 526-2288.

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